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**PRESS RELEASE****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

## **Clean Galveston: October 2016 City Wide Clean-Up**

### *Fall 2016 Guidelines for Bulk Trash Pickup and Transfer Station*

GALVESTON, TX (October 12, 2016) – The City is helping residents clear clutter through the second annual City Wide Clean-Up Event! Held twice a year, this event allows residents to have their clutter picked up by city crews.

#### **Citywide Clean Up Dates**

Citywide Clean-Up October 2016 dates have been set for **Friday and Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> for 51<sup>st</sup> Street, West to Point San Luis, and Friday and Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> for 51<sup>st</sup> Street to the East End**. Residents are encouraged to place materials next to where garbage carts are normally placed by 7 AM on the collection days scheduled for their area. Please note the City will suspend bulk trash collection starting Monday, October 17<sup>th</sup>. This service will resume on Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, following the conclusion of the clean-up.

The public is cautioned against piling material under electrical wires or low hanging tree limbs since litter pick-up trucks require significant vehicle clearance. Additionally, crews will not pick up a/c's that have not had the freon removed by a licensed technician. Paint will not be picked up unless the paint bucket is dried and filled with kitty litter. Any material not picked up on Friday or Saturday will be collected on the regularly scheduled garbage day.

#### Days of operation:

<b>Friday &amp; Saturday, October 21 &amp; 22</b> 51 <sup>st</sup> Street (west) – Point San Luis 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Saturday	<b>Friday &amp; Saturday, October 28 &amp; 29</b> 51 <sup>st</sup> Street – To East End 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Friday 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM – Saturday
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#### **Free dumping at Transfer Station during the month of October**

The City is waiving the fee for residential refuse customers to drop off materials at the Transfer Station for the entire month of October. Residents must present a current City of Galveston water bill confirming they pay for city refuse service as well as photo ID; copies of utility bills will not be accepted. Residents must be present at the drop off. The Transfer Station, located at 5515 Harborside, is open 8AM – 5PM, Monday – Friday and 8AM – 3PM, Saturdays during the City Wide Clean Up.

**Note:** The Transfer Station does **NOT** accept the following items:

- Tires
- Appliances with Freon
- Insecticides
- Paint
- Air conditioners
- Pesticides

- Batteries
- Liquids of any kind
- Any flammable material
- Any material with asbestos
- Fire extinguishers

### **Appliance Disposal at the City's Recycling Center**

All white goods and appliances, including those without Freon and compressors, may be dropped off at the City's Recycling Center, located at 702 61st Street. Newspapers, glass, plastic, tires (up to five, without rims), cardboard, and Styrofoam are also accepted. The facility is open 8 AM to 4:45 PM Monday through Saturday. Drop off bins are also available 24/7, located outside of the facility's entrance. If you have paint to dispose of, open the can, fill with kitty litter, sand, or sawdust and leave the lid off the can. When it has completely dried, place the can for pickup without the lid and the City will remove.

### **Mulch Giveaway & White Goods Collection Day – October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Spring is here and the Recycling Center is here to support you with your gardening needs. Free to Galveston residents, the mulch given away is perfect for freshening up landscaping and filling in your beds. Have an old appliance you need to rid your garage of? We are always accepting white goods at the recycling center and would love to free up your space as we Clean Galveston in October.

### **Paper Shred Day – October 29<sup>th</sup>**

The City of Galveston is offering a **FREE** Shred Day at the City's Recycling Center on Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Residents can bring in any documents to have them shredded for security and disposal.

### **Public Works Needs Your Help to Clean Sweep Galveston!**

The City's Streets Division is joining the City Wide Cleanup effort by employing street sweepers to follow the sanitation vehicles after crews have made their pass through the neighborhoods. In an effort to keep Galveston free of litter, the Public Works Department would like to remind Galvestonians of 4 simple steps to "Clean Galveston!"

- 1. Bag your trash** - to avoid loose litter on the streets, the City encourages residents to bag all trash before placing it in trash cart. This prevents loose trash on the streets during pickup.
- 2. Correct cart placement** - ensure that your trash carts are clear of vehicles and easily accessible for Public Works to empty.
- 3. Keep alleys clear** – on trash pickup days, please remove all vehicles from alleys or ensure that they don't impede the progress of Public Works crews.
- 4. Remove your carts** – by 10 PM on trash days, per City Ordinance.

Let's work together to "Clean Galveston!" For additional questions or information, please contact the City of Galveston's Public Works Department at (409) 797-3630 or [publicworks@galvestontx.gov](mailto:publicworks@galvestontx.gov).

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